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In re Application of: Lyamichev *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/777,430
Filed: February 6, 2001
Entitled: **CHARGE TAGS AND SEPARATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES**
Group No.: 1641
Examiner: Jezia Riley

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir or Madam:

The following communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002, in the above-referenced application. As the pending Office Action set a one month shortened statutory period for Applicants' response, the Applicants submit a petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims: 51-85.

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